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## In Their Footsteps *Brown Pelicans in the Pacific Northwest*

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop is pleased to announce the next installment of its *In Their Footsteps* free speakers series. This program is *Brown Pelicans in the Pacific Northwest* by Deborah Jaques on Sunday, February 19, at 1 p.m. in the Netul River Room of the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center. This is part of a weekend of activities held nationwide in conjunction with the Great Backyard Bird Count led by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Deborah Jaques will be talking about the history of brown pelican occurrence in the Columbia River region, the general ecology of the species, and current pelican research and management topics on the west coast. Although on August 8, 1804, Lewis and Clark Expedition members wrote about seeing an enormous flock of white pelicans on an island in the Missouri River (Iowa), they did not encounter pelicans in the Pacific Northwest.

Deborah is a wildlife biologist at Pacific Eco Logic, based in Astoria. She specializes in applied research, monitoring, and management of Pacific coast waterbirds and their habitat.

Other upcoming *In Their Footsteps* speaker series programs include:

- **Sunday, March 18, 1:00 p.m.** – *Meriwether Lewis's Survey at Cumberland Gap* by Lorna Hainesworth
- **Sunday, April 15, 1:00 p.m.** – *Northwest Women's Stories of Persistence* by Jane Kirkpatrick
- **Sunday, May 20, 1:00 p.m.** – *Astoria: History in Images* by Jeffrey Smith

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